

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 6 as follows:

One embodiment of the present invention comprises an array of matrix drug delivery coating 42 usable as drug delivery coatings for stents 40, namely metal stents and polymeric stents, such as are illustrated, in one embodiment, in Figure 1. While a roll is shown in Figure 1, it is understood that the coating may be a sheath or a thin coat for other implant embodiments. The array of matrix coatings comprises one or more cross-linkable co-polymers of ethylene comonomer, $-(C_2H_4)-$ that comprises one or more carboxylic acid moieties. The carboxylic acid moieties are, for some embodiments, unsaturated carboxylic acid monomers or unsaturated carboxylic acid co-monomers. The unsaturated carboxylic acid monomers or unsaturated carboxylic acid co-monomers are one or more of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, itaconic acid and all combinations and esters of these monomers.